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DDAS Accident Report

Accident details

Report date: 17/05/2006	Accident number: 171
Accident time: not recorded	Accident Date: 20/03/1997
Where it occurred: Sam Rong, Mongkul Borey	Country: Cambodia
Primary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)	Secondary cause: Field control inadequacy (?)
Class: Missed-mine accident	Date of main report: [No date recorded]
ID original source: none	Name of source: CMAC
Organisation: Name removed	
Mine/device: PMN-2 AP blast	Ground condition: not recorded
Date record created: 14/02/2004	Date last modified: 14/02/2004
No of victims: 1	No of documents: 1

Map details

Longitude:	Latitude:
Alt. coord. system:	Coordinates fixed by:
Map east:	Map north:
Map scale: not recorded	Map series:
Map edition:	Map sheet:
Map name:	

Accident Notes

inadequate investigation (?)

no independent investigation available (?)

Accident report

The date of this accident and the injuries suffered were recorded incorrectly on the country MAC Accident summary sheet. No report of an investigation was on file at the country MAC in January 1999. A brief letter notifying the Director of the accident mentioned that the mine was a PMN-2.

See Medical report.

The accident classification is inferred from the injuries.

Victim Report

Victim number: 218	Name: Name removed
Age:	Gender: Male
Status: deminer	Fit for work: not known
Compensation: US\$2,500	Time to hospital: 50 minutes
Protection issued: Not recorded	Protection used: not recorded

Summary of injuries:

INJURIES

minor Hand

minor Leg

AMPUTATION/LOSS

Leg Below knee

COMMENT

See medical report.

Medical report

A medical report indicated that the accident occurred at 11:50 and the victim was given first aid for 15 minutes. He arrived at Mongkul Borey Provincial Hospital at 12:40. He had suffered a traumatic amputation of his right foot above the ankle, minor fragment wounds along the length of his left leg and superficial wounds on the back of his left hand.

The victim was discharged from hospital on 28th April 1997 with his wounds and stump well recovered with no infection. The doctor recommended that he should start wearing a prosthetic after three months.

The victim's claim for compensation was approved on 14th May 1997. A note contained the line "Until to now the accident period is extended more than 40 days which should have been held a compensation board meeting for them". [The UN controlled demining group had a policy of deciding compensation claims within 40 days of an accident.]

Analysis

Although no details of the accident were made available, the primary cause is listed as a "*Field control inadequacy*" because either the clearance was poor enough to leave a mine to be trodden on, or the victim was allowed to enter an uncleared area. Adequate field control should have prevented these events